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The citizen who thinks he sees that the Commonwealth's political clothes are worn out and get holds his peace and does not agitate for a new suit is disloyal.—Mark Twain.

GOING INTO ACTION

No more significant movement in politics has ever developed in Hawaii than that forecast by a meeting of prominent Republican businessmen held this morning.

It may be construed as an attack on Delegate Kuhio, but such is not the case. There is nothing behind this meeting but a determination on the part of local businessmen to end a political situation both in and out of the territory that is fast growing intolerable.

Hawaii cannot afford longer to give harbor to a personal fight that has grown into an assault on the prosperity of the territory.

Hawaii cannot afford to invest countless thousands of dollars in a local government that fails to give adequate return for the money invested.

This is the thing in a nutshell. It is the outside and the inside view.

The action of the meeting this morning in naming a committee to canvass the situation and report back on a definite method for opposing the party controversy whose only result is to weary the voter, is action to the point.

The instruction of the committee to report back on a definite method for securing efficient men for legislative and county offices, is instruction to the point.

The Star-Bulletin believes that there is yet a possibility of averting a disastrous fight which would mean two Republican leaders opposing each other in the fall campaign. But political war or political peace, Hawaii has got to get down to a business basis in its government, and the way to do it is not the way of the lazy man or the disgusted man or the indifferent man. It is the way of the man who goes into politics as he would go into his business—cleanly, conscientiously, and with the high resolve to put behind his purpose the same tenacious energy he puts behind his business. It is "going into action" as men go who win battles.

TIPS ON TERRITORIES

Hawaiian citizens will be interested in learning that a recent judicial decision in the District of Columbia is interpreted generally as placing Panama in the same category as this territory.

The Des Moines Register editorially informs its readers that "Judge Stafford of the bench of the District of Columbia has decided that Panama is a territory of the United States, on the same footing as Porto Rico, the District of Columbia itself, the Philippines, Hawaii and Alaska."

Judge Stafford's decision was handed down in a case involving application for extradition of F. K. Pilson, formerly assistant postmaster at Cristobal. Pilson tried to escape returning to the Zone by pleading that there was no treaty with Panama providing for extradition.

In ruling on the contention of Mr. Pilson's counsel that the formal order of Congress as to the lawmaking power in the Zone expired in 1905, Justice Stafford said that while this was true, Congress, by appropriations and other recognition, had ratified the present form of government as effectively as if it had done so in words. He declared that the Canal Zone is a "territory" in the same sense as the island of Porto Rico, and asserted that between districts like the Zone and the District of Columbia, over which the government has exclusive jurisdiction, it would be improper for a United States court to hold that the right of extradition did not exist.

Hawaii's status is so frequently misunder-

stood that we of this territory have long ago made up our minds to grin and bear it. The mainland press finds some humorous elements in the ruling, one paper pointing out that the political managers have overlooked a good thing when they failed to seat delegates from the Canal Zone, and another suggesting that the island of Guam make a demand for admission at the next national conventions.

Hawaii is just now arguing for discrimination in this matter of admission of delegates—at least our newly-hatched Progressives here are sending a representative to Chicago to plead that this territory be allowed to sit in the Teddy game. Their argument is that Hawaii is the only territory in line for statehood. Whether this will make Senator Dixon change his mind or not is still to be seen. At any rate, Hawaii, as usual, is demanding attention and getting it.

CONGRATULATIONS DUE SWEDEN

World-sport has been splendidly fostered by the Olympic games that have just closed in Sweden. The United States can afford to congratulate the victor, Sweden, in the fullest sense of hearty appreciation.

Reports from Stockholm are to the effect that the Swedes made a wonderful record for themselves in the preparation for and the carrying out of the classic contests. They had every facility for remarkable athletic performances, in this respect excelling both France and Greece in the past. Furthermore, the spirit shown by the people of Sweden was impartial and encouraging to all entries. The rules of sport were strictly observed, but not arbitrarily administered. For instance, when it appeared that three American swimmers, among them Honolulu's champion, Duke Kahanamoku, had failed to swim in the 100-meter semi-finals through a misunderstanding, the officials asked the winners of the semi-final that it be swum again in the interests of sport, and this was done.

The United States swept all before it in the contests in which the Stars and Stripes had entries. America really won the Olympic games, although Sweden gets most points by the contesting of events in which America did not enter.

Sweden is comparatively young in international athletics and it is a great performance to lead the nations of the world. Our athletes and their performances are a natural source of pride to every American, and Sweden is to be congratulated both for its fine conduct of the games and for its men who surpassed all expectations as individual performers.

The spectacle of George Fairchild at Grant's tomb in Washington weeping salty tears over the dire prophecies of free sugar and muttering "Me for Manila" is enough to move the hardest heart. One can imagine Ed. Watson and others who won't or can't get to Manila keeping him melancholy company in his lachrymose peregrinations.

Now that Duke Kahanamoku has won in Stockholm the San Francisco papers are proudly claiming him as a Pacific Coast product.

People who read the San Francisco papers must wonder whether the Pacific liners are dancing-schools or ocean-going steamers!

"Business Improving Regardless of Politics" is the headline of an Eastern newspaper affording an apt commentary on the needless waste of running a republic.

It is announced that the Illinois governor is "sticking with Taft" but it is not yet clear that Taft is stuck.

If they keep on, they will discover there was no national Republican campaign fund at all in 1904 and 1908.

Scientists are now puzzling over the problem of how to keep astronomers warm while they are astronoming. Why not send them down here to Kilauea?

So far no enterprising theatrical manager here has secured the Chicago or Baltimore fight films.

If Dr. Eliot has any surplus ideas on peace, some of the local politicians might borrow a few.

Secretary Fisher can't come and settle it any too quickly for most of us.

Wonder if they couldn't extend the eight-hour day to politicians?

Dr. Sun's son, Sun, is now on his honeymoon.

PERSONALITIES

A. T. WISDOM returned from the volcano this morning, where he has been visiting since Saturday.

LLOYD KILLAM, one of the new Y. M. C. A. physical directors, has written that he will arrive on the Wilhelmina in the beginning of September.

Assistant Attorney General A. G. Smith went to Wailua this morning to make an inspection in a land case. He expected to return this afternoon.

MRS. W. J. FORBES and Mrs. Geo. Guild are entertaining at the Forbes Peninsula home, Nuanani, for Mr. and Mrs. Jewett and the John Gulicks of Oberlin, O.

M. SAMUELSON, born in Gottenborg, Sweden, age about 44, last heard of in Honolulu, is inquired for by his nephew, A. Johnson. Address, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, San Francisco.

GEORGE E. WARD is slowly recovering from injuries received in a fall from the Inter-Island coal hopper to the wharf. His skull was fractured, and it will be some time before he will be able to leave the hospital.

MRS. E. HYDE-SMITH, accompanied by her son, Bayard Hyde-Smith, whose engagement to Miss Virginia Bulkley, daughter of Commander Gill of the California, was recently announced, sailed on the Siberia yesterday for the Coast.

C. DANA BISHOP, who has accepted a position in Honolulu, Hawaii, will leave San Francisco on a transport on July 15. He will be accompanied by his wife and child, also Mrs. Bishop's mother and brother, Mrs. Herbert Sears and son Warren of Portland, who are well known here. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will be greatly missed here, where they have made many friends.—Portsmouth (N. H.) Herald.

MISS CLARIBAL BICKFORD, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bickford of Monte Vista street, is home from a two years' stay in Hawaii. She was principal of a girls' school in Kahala and met with good success. While it was two years full of interest and rich experience, she is glad to be back at home. Miss Bickford is a graduate of Oberlin College, and expects to take postgraduate work in Berkeley this winter.—Highland Park (Cal.) Herald.

TRANSIT CO. FIRM

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public service corporation refuses to comply with the provisions in their charter, besides taking the matter into the courts.

"Why does not the Board let the Superintendent of Public Works take up the paying proposition with the Transit Company, and insist on the right of the Territory being observed to the letter?" inquired Low at the gathering of city fathers last evening. The board was without legal advice last night, through the absence of Deputy Attorney Fred Milverton, or any representative from the city and county attorney's department. They therefore went ahead as best they could and adopted two resolutions in which the local street railway company was informed that they would not be enjoined in laying lava block pavement one foot on either side and between their tracks along that portion of Queen street that is now being paved with bitulithic, at the instance of the city and county.

Counter Proposition. As a counter proposition to that offered by Manager Ballentyne of the Rapid Transit, the board finally adopted a resolution to the effect that as far as the King street stretch of unpaved section was concerned, they would insist upon a strip of bitulithic between the double track. That portion of the right-of-way as lies between the rails is to be covered with lava block as well as one foot on either side of the outer edge of the track.

Supervisor Murray fathered the resolution, which insisted that the street railway company use bitulithic over a portion of the eighteen foot area along King street from Nuuanu street to the river.

It is pointed out that while the company stood ready to lay a pavement of ohia blocks, that to complete the work with this material would require a much longer time than if the lava was employed.

Judging from the attitude taken by several members on the board today, there is a possibility that the municipal fathers may abandon any further attempt to get together with the public service corporation in the matter of paving.

STOCKS STILL IN STAGNATION

Today's reported transactions of the Stock Exchange are even more scant than yesterday's, taking those between boards into account, the deficiency in number of shares being twenty. Yet on the board there were thirty-two shares sold today, against five yesterday. Oahu is the only stock in recess, 6, 12 and 5 shares at 27, or the same as last previous sale quotation. On the board 10 Ewa sold unchanged at 31.75 and 22 McBryde down a quarter point at 7.50.

The question of the day is whether there will be any great return of activity until the people themselves give a verdict on protection to home industry in November.

Olaf Magnus, 23 years old, of Chicago, was sentenced to 30 days in prison at his own request, because he was afraid of the republican delegates.

He—Madam, you promised to obey me. Do you do it? She—Sir, you promised me your worldly goods. Do I get 'em?

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

To the People of Hawaii Nei. "WHAT IS THE LAW TO BE?" (Inspired by an Editorial in the Star-Bulletin.)

"What is the law to be?" Will it protect the mother of a newborn babe From the drunken souls on a fiendish raid, Who has put in his mouth, as wise men say, That which will steal his brains away? The answer is up to thee.

"What is the law to be?" Shall booze go along at the same old rate, Filling our jails chock full to the gate, Or shall we arise and at once refuse To allow the sale of the "Demon Boose"? The answer is up to thee.

"What is the law to be?" Shall beer, whisky, dago red and jin, And all their noisome partners in sin, Receive sanction from the Christian race To continue to slay at the same old pace? The answer is up to thee.

"What is the law to be?" Shall the bunch that sell the dope Which deprives the consumer of faith and hope, Be allowed to pursue the usual way They have gone along since the dawn of day? The answer is up to thee.

"What is the law to be?" Will the bright-eyed boy on his father's knee, When his youthful years are far alee, Be carried down by the selfsame cup Which his father imagined cheered him up? The answer is up to thee.

"What is the law to be?" Will it protect the youth of our fertile land From the soulless greed of a sodden band Who wax fat and sleep from the sale of rum— Will they continue so in the years to come? The answer is up to thee. T. D. S. Honolulu, July 22, 1912.

Honolulu, T. H., July 22, 1912.

Editor Star-Bulletin, Sir: In reference to the several suggestions in your paper referring to Duke: The idea of getting him a house is a good one, but I would also like to suggest this: The death rate at Waikiki is altogether too high for such an important watering place. Most any of equal importance has a life-saver. Now what is the matter with creating this position for Duke? He would be an attraction, as he could give exhibitions of surfing and be on hand at all times when people are in the water. Besides he will soon again have to defend his title and he in this manner could keep on training and make a living at the same time. They claim he advertises the islands by his feats at Stockholm. If so, I presume the Promotion Committee could pay part of his salary and the parties that control the beach and the city the balance.

Yours truly,

GEORGE C. YEO.

BUSINESSMEN

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this fall, the man put up by the responsible business elements and endorsed by those with Hawaii's prosperity at heart would be groomed for the race two years hence.

Consideration Counseled. W. O. Smith counseled full consideration before any action was taken, stating that although Kuhio's attitude is harmful to Hawaii's interests, he has been a hard party worker and done much in Congress in the past.

The committee of five later increased to seven, was then authorized by vote of the meeting, and asked to take up immediately the canvass of the situation. This committee is to endeavor to talk things over with Delegate Kuhio and if it will recede from his position there seems yet a possibility of a compromise. However, the business men do not propose to let the Delegate's controversy become a platform issue this fall if it can be avoided.

The committee is to report back as early as possible on some definite plan that the business interests and the voters in general may follow which will not mean a disastrous attack on local industry and which will bring forward men for office. It was brought out forcibly that the good men can not afford to sit back and let politics drift, and that even more important than the delegateship is the duty of getting efficient men for the legislature and the city and county positions.

PRONOUNCING CUPID'S ELONGATED NAMES

If the reading clerks of the convention had ought to say Jonah Kalaniana'ole would not have been sent as a delegate from Hawaii. They would have picked instead some man with a simple German name like Schweinitzwalter-braten. They stumble all over Mr. Kalaniana'ole every time they call his name. Delegates Jorge Silva and Matea Fajardo of Porto Rico present similar lingual difficulties to say nothing of delegate Benigno C. Hernandez of Tierra Amarilla, N. M.—Christian Science Monitor.

"What we want," said the orator, "is a square deal." "Yes," replied the studious reformer, "and in order to secure that, we must do away with the political ring. It is the ancient and very difficult problem of squaring the circle."

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DR. A. N. SINCLAIR—I could explain every trick the great Raymond performs, if I chose to take the time, because I have made some study of the subject myself. But I haven't the time.

GOVERNOR FREAR—Despite the fact that I am a graduate of Yale, while Dr. Eliot is president emeritus of Harvard, I will say frankly I believe him one of the greatest educators in the world, and one of the best informed.

A. E. LARIMER—Plans for all future social doings will be held in abeyance until Secretary Super arrives from the mainland on the 31st. Mr. Super will probably have a lot of new ideas and these together with the old ones furnished up a bit ought to provide plenty of suggestions for next year's entertainments.

CONDUCTOR ELY JONES—Instead of giving Duke a house and lot why not give him a college course? He would be a constant advertisement for Hawaii while at college and the course would be of more benefit to him than a house and lot, where he would immediately sink into mediocrity.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR CHARLES A. COTTRILL—The report that I am going back to Toledo to take the stump for Taft is a false alarm, at least to the best of my present knowledge. I expect to go to Maui in a few days to meet my wife and family, now visiting there, and from that point we intend going to Hilo to view the volcano.

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FROM DICKENS

THE Pickwick Club had finally dissolved and Mr. Pickwick had made a choice of a home. Everything was so beautiful! The lawn in front, the garden behind, the miniature conservatory, the dining-room, the drawing-room, the bed-rooms, the smoking-room, and, above all, the study, with its pictures and easy-chairs, and odd cabinets and queer tables, and books out of number, with a large, cheerful window, opening upon a pleasant lawn, and commanding a pretty landscape, just dotted here and there with little houses, almost hidden by the trees; and then the curtains, and the carpets, and the chairs, and the sofas! Everything was so beautiful, so compact, so neat, and in such exquisite taste, said everybody, that there really was no deciding what to admire most. We have just such a home in Manoa Valley all ready for you—or we can build you a home after your own plans in Beautiful Kaimuki.

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